

**THE ROAD LAWS.**

**Bill Proposed by Chamber of Commerce Committee and Present Law.**

**The Chamber of Commerce Bill.  
A BILL**

To provide for the improvement of the public roads in Newberry county; to levy a property and commutation tax for working the same; to provide for a good roads commission for Newberry county, and to regulate the work of the chaingang.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. That the governor, in recommendation of the senator and representatives, is hereby authorized and directed to appoint two discreet electors, whose term of office shall be four years from the date of their appointment, and, who, with the county supervisor, shall be known as the County Good Roads Commissioners of Newberry County, who shall be authorized and empowered to perform the duties hereinafter required. Provided, That if either one of the two commissioners to be appointed by the governor shall become a candidate for or accept any other office under the State or Federal government his position on the board shall be declared vacant and a successor appointed.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of maintaining and improving the public highways of Newberry county, there is hereby levied an annual tax of two mills on all the real and personal property in the said county, which shall be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as all other taxes; and that said highway tax when collected shall be set apart and appropriated to each of the eleven townships in the county pro rata according to the public road mileage of each township, by the County Good Roads Commissioners, on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The said Board of Good Roads Commissioners shall file their apportionment of said tax with the county treasurer, who shall thereupon credit each township with its apportionment and keep an account with each of said townships: Provided, That before the apportionment herein provided for is made, the said Board of Good Roads Commissioners shall set apart a sufficient sum for the maintenance of the county chaingang, not exceeding \$5,000, and a separate account of this fund shall be kept by the county treasurer, and only warrants for the maintenance of the chaingang shall be paid therefrom: Provided, Further, That before the apportionment herein provided for is made, a sufficient sum shall be set aside to pay the salary of a civil engineer and expert road builder hereinafter provided for: And, Provided further, That before the apportionment herein provided for is made, the salary of the two members of the Board of Good Roads Commissioners hereinafter provided for shall be paid.

Sec. 3. That all male citizens in the county outside of incorporated cities and towns between the ages of 18 and 50 years, except such as may be, upon the certificate of two reputable practicing physicians, declared unable to perform labor, shall be required to pay to the county treasurer of said county between the 15th day of October and the 31st day of December in each and every year, an annual commutation or road tax of \$3.00 each, in lieu of performing, or causing to be performed, labor upon the public highways of said county, which commutation tax shall be held as part of the fund provided in Section 2, of this act, and apportioned in the same manner; and any failure to pay said road tax shall be a misdemeanor, and the defendant upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00, and not more than \$20.00, or imprisoned for not less than thirty days.

Sec. 4. The Board of Good Roads Commissioners herein provided for shall employ, in their discretion, a competent man for each township, and place at his disposal a force of not less than ten laborers for each township, who shall be known as the work-gangs for the respective townships, and who shall work the roads in the respective townships under the direction of the Board of Good Roads Commissioners and the civil engineer hereinafter provided for and shall be paid out of the fund provided for in Section 2 of this act; said work to be done at such times as the Board of Good Roads Commissioners and the civil engineer shall deem best, and for such length of time as may be necessary to keep the roads in good condition, or as the money herein provided for shall warrant.

Sec. 5. The Board of Good Roads Commissioners herein provided for shall employ a civil engineer who shall be an expert road builder, who, under the direction of the Board of Good Roads Commissioners, shall have control and direction of the maintenance of the roads in the several townships, and also of the work hereinafter provided for to be done by the chaingang. Authority is herein given, in the dis-

cretion of the Board of Good Roads Commissioners, and under the direction of the civil engineer, to relocate, widen and grade the public roads of the county, provided that no road shall be less in width than 20 feet.

Sec. 6. The county chaingang, under the direction of the Board of the Good Roads Commissioners and the civil engineer herein provided for, shall be kept on permanent road work. That is to say the chaingang shall start at the court house and build each road leading to the court house for four miles out from the city limits of Newberry and when that work is completed shall carry the work four miles farther on each of these roads, and so on, until each road is built to the county line. By permanent roads are meant sand and clay or gravel and when necessary macadam; no work to be done unless the plans are first approved by the civil engineer, and, if in his judgment advisable, the roads before being so built shall be relocated and graded.

Sec. 7. The two members of the Board of Good Roads Commissioners herein provided for shall be paid an annual salary of \$400 each, as above provided, and each shall enter into a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the clerk of court in the sum of \$5,000, each, the necessary expenses incurred thereby shall be paid out of the fund raised by this act in the same manner as their salaries.

Sec. 8. That the county treasurer, in a ledger kept for that purpose, shall keep a separate account of each township road fund, and of the county chaingang fund, in which he shall credit each township and the county chaingang with the amount apportioned in this act, and pay from said township funds, and county chaingang fund the warrants and claims drawn by the Board of Good Roads Commissioners as hereinbefore provided, and the said county treasurer shall make monthly settlements and monthly reports to the Board of Good Roads Commissioners of the separate and respective funds herein provided.

Sec. 9. That for the purpose of beginning the working and improvement of the public roads under this act the Board of Good Roads Commissioners and the county treasurer are hereby authorized, on and after the 1st day of April, next, to borrow a sum not exceeding \$20,000 for the road fund herein provided, at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent. per annum, and to pledge the taxes to be levied hereunder for 1911, as security for the payment of interest and said loan.

Sec. 10. That the said Board of Good Roads Commissioners shall keep in their office a separate account with each of the said funds herein provided, and bills and vouchers for the same shall be filed separately with the clerk to the supervisor, who shall act as the clerk of the Board of Good Roads Commissioners herein provided for.

Sec. 11. The Board of Good Roads Commissioners provided for herein shall have power and are authorized to purchase mules and such good roads machinery and equipment as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 12. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

Sec. 13. That this act shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the governor.

**The Present Law.**

An act to provide a more efficient system of building bridges, improving ferries, and working public roads in Newberry county, and to provide for its enforcement.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, That from and after the approval of this act all persons residing in Newberry county who are liable to road duty shall perform six days' service on the public highways of said county each year under the direction of the supervisor and county commissioners, or an overseer appointed by the supervisor, or in lieu thereof shall pay a tax of two dollars, payable at the same time and in the same manner as is now provided for the payment of State and county taxes; and all moneys received from this source shall be used by the supervisor and county commissioners for the improvement of the roads in the districts where the money is derived.

Sec. 2. There shall be levied upon the property, both personal and real, in Newberry county a special tax of one mill, to be used exclusively for the

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COUNTY OF NEWBERRY.  
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James N. McCaughrin, Plaintiff,  
Against

James J. Lane, the First National Bank of Clinton, S. C., the Palmetto National Bank, Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, S. C., the Bank of Columbia, S. C., the South Carolina Loan and Trust Company, Georgia Chemical Works, M. S. Bailey & Son and Wallace E. Todd, Defendants,  
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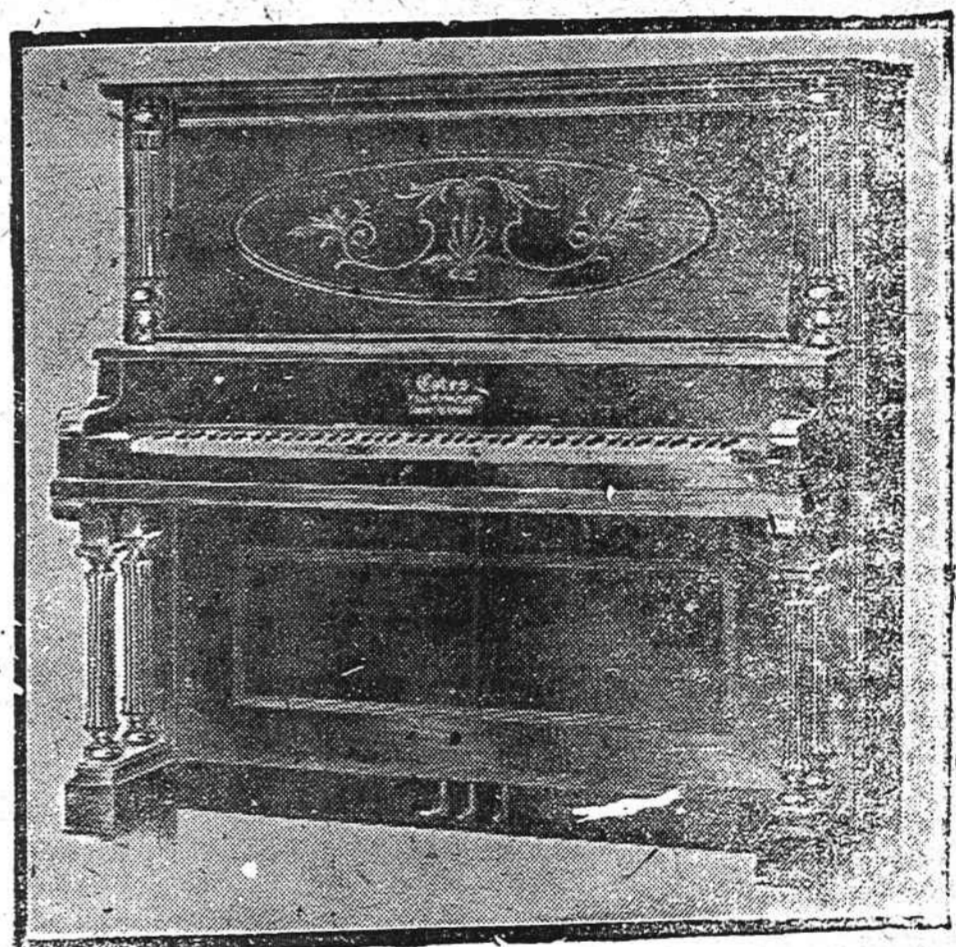
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